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METHOD FOR REMOVING NOISE
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ELECTION UNDER 35 USC § 121

In the Office Action dated October 3, 2003, the Examiner has
issued a Restriction Requirement to Applicant with respect to the following
inventions:

- I. Species of Fig. 6;
- II. Species of Fig. 8, an alternative embodiment of I;
- III. Species of Fig. 10;
- IV. Species of Fig. 12, an alternative embodiment of I

Applicant hereby elects the species related to FIG. 6. Claims 10-
14, 24-48 and 52-56 are therefore cancelled.

Applicant has carefully reviewed the election of species
requirement set forth by the Examiner. It is true that FIGS. 6, 8, and 10 are
directed to separate species. Turning to FIG. 12, it shows a particular way to use
the noise reduced base digital image and a residual digital image produced by the
embodiment of FIG. 10 to reconstruct a digital image using the base digital image
and residual digital image produced by the FIG. 10 arrangement. Therefore, it is

not believed that FIG. 12 is a separate species, but should be included within the FIG. 10 species. Applicant believes there are only three separate species. For example, the Examiner's attention is called to claim 25, wherein in element c) the noise reduced base digital images are combined with corresponding residual digital images to produce reconstructed digital images. Applicant believes that although claim 1 reads on FIG. 6, it also reads on the embodiments in FIGS. 8 and 10. The claims to the species of FIGS. 8, 10, and 12 have been deleted, but upon the allowance of claim 1, Applicant believes it is appropriate to recombine all of these claims back into the case. The election of species is as follows.

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| I. | FIG. 6 | Claims 1-9, claims 15-23, claims 49-51, claim 57 |
| II. | FIG. 8 | Claims 10-14, claims 27-47, claim 54 |
| III. | FIGS. 10 and 12 | Claims 24-26, claim 48, claims 52-53, claims 55-56 |

If the Examiner has any problems with this election, Applicant's attorney would appreciate a telephone call.

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